

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD

Notice is hereby given to Members of the Arizona State Parks Board (Board) and the general public that there will be a Parks Board meeting, to begin on **FRIDAY, July 30, 2010 at 2 PM** pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 and A.R.S. § 41-511.01 *et. seq.* at the **Arizona State Parks Offices** located at **1300 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ in the First Floor Conference Room** or via toll-free teleconference by calling **1.866.751.5725**. The participant code is ***1104714*** and you must enter both ***s**.

The Board may elect to hold an Executive Session for any agenda item at any time during the meeting to discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3). Items on the Agenda may be discussed out of order, unless they have been specifically noted to be set for a time certain. Public comment will be taken. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following matters.

AGENDA

(Agenda items may be taken in any order unless set for a time certain)

A. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

B. INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND AGENCY STAFF

1. **Board Statement** - "As Board members we are gathered today to be the stewards and voice of Arizona State Parks and its Mission Statement to manage and conserve Arizona's natural, cultural, and recreational resources for the benefit of the people, both in our parks and through our partners."

C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Board must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study or reschedule the matter for further consideration at a later time.

D. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

1. **Consider Endorsing Agreements with Yavapai County and Jerome Historical Society for the operation of Jerome State Historic Park** – Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with Yavapai County to support the operation of Jerome State Historic Park. Staff further recommends that the Board endorse the negotiations and implementation of an agreement with the Jerome Historical Society to operate the Jerome gift shop to extend the hours and/or days of Park operation. With the execution of the agreement with Yavapai County, staff recommends the Board authorize the Executive Director to reopen Jerome State Historic Park to the public.

E. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING AND CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Staff recommends that the next Arizona State Parks Board Meeting be on Wednesday, September 15, 2010.

2. Board members may wish to discuss issues of interest to Arizona State Parks and request staff to place specific items on future Board meeting agendas.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Arizona State Parks does not discriminate on the basis of a disability regarding admission to public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the acting ADA Coordinator, Nicole Armstrong-Best, (602) 542-7152; or TTY (602) 542-4174. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Renée E. Bahl 22 July 2010
Renée E. Bahl, Executive Director

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**CONSIDER ENDORSING AGREEMENTS WITH YAVAPAI
COUNTY AND JEROME HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE
OPERATION OF JEROME STATE HISTORIC PARK**

Background

Jerome State Historic Park (Park) is owned and operated by the Arizona State Parks Board (Board). The Park closed to the public for construction and stabilization in February 2009. The construction is almost complete but the Park remains closed due to budgetary limitations.

Yavapai County (County) approached the Board with a proposal to help operate the Park in response to FY 2010 budget reductions. The County's offer is to enter into an agreement to contribute funding to support the operation and maintenance of the Park.

The Jerome Historical Society (Society) approached the Board with a proposal to operate the Park gift shop to support the operation of the park.

Current Status

The Board and the County recognize the importance of keeping the Park open to the public, and further recognize that the current budget constraints affecting the State make it difficult for the Board to commit adequate funds to operate the Park. Through this agreement, the County will provide funding to support the operation of the Park. This agreement reopens Jerome State Historic Park to the public.

The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors will consider the proposal on August 2, 2010.

Arizona State Parks (ASP) staff is negotiating with the Jerome Historical Society on a separate agreement for the operation of the gift shop at the Park. This agreement would allow the Society to staff and operate the gift shop, retain the proceeds of all sales and provide staffing for the visitor contact desk during Park operating hours. This agreement will have the potential to extend Park operations to a 7-days per week schedule with the additional paid professional staff funded by the Society.

Staff will work with the appropriate partners to secure a Park opening date in late September or early October 2010.

Through a Board Action on September 11, 2009, the Executive Director is authorized to enter into, amend, and withdraw from operating agreements in order to offset, reduce cost or enhance revenues. On March 17, 2010, the Executive Director was authorized to enter into agreements for the sole purpose of keeping parks open.

Major Components of the Agreement with Yavapai County:

- Jerome State Historic Park will reopen and be operated by Arizona State Parks.
- The Park will be open at least 5-days per week.
- Initial term of the agreement is for one-year, with options to renew for two additional one-year periods.
- The County will provide the Board with \$30,000 to subsidize the operation and maintenance of the Park.

- The County will work to provide volunteers to help staff the Park.
- The Board will provide training for Park volunteers.
- The Board will retain all Park entry fees.

Major Components of Agreement with Jerome Historical Society:

- The Society will operate the gift shop.
- The Society will retain proceeds from sales of retail items.
- The Society will provide staffing for the visitor contact desk while the Park is open to the public.
- The Society will collect Park entry fee, the Board will retain all entry fees.
- The Board will provide training for Society staff.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with Yavapai County to support the operation of Jerome State Historic Park. Staff further recommends that the Board endorse the negotiations and implementation of an agreement with the Jerome Historical Society to operate the Jerome gift shop to extend the hours and/or days of Park operation. With the execution of the agreement with Yavapai County, staff recommends the Board authorize the Executive Director to reopen Jerome State Historic Park to the public.

Recommended Board Action

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with Yavapai County to support the operation of Jerome State Historic Park. I further endorse the Executive Director to negotiate and implement an agreement with the Jerome Historical Society to operate the Jerome gift shop to extend the hours and/or days of Park operation. With the execution of the agreement with Yavapai County, I move the Arizona State Parks Board authorize the Executive Director to reopen Jerome State Historic Park to the public.